

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Equity Council Meeting
June 2, 2009

The Equity Council met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky at 6:00 p.m. on June 2, 2009.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Burch, Roy Woods, Bernice Smith, Susie Cavanaugh, Lisa Berman, David Cozart, John Price, JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Ty Sturdivant, Stephanie Hong

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

P. G. Peeples, Kim Eldridge, Ron Langley, Scott Winkler, Hazel Forsythe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stu Silberman, Brenda Allen, Barbara Connor, Tanya Dailey

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Burch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ITEM 1(a)

Reading of Mission Statement

Ty Sturdivant read the Mission Statement.

AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

Approval of Minutes

David Cozart made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting. Lisa Berman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Public Participation (c)

None.

Updates (d)

Scott Winkler will attend the Board work session to answer any questions they may have regarding the By-laws up dates and revisions.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 2(a)

Student Placement/Accommodations Committee

No report given.

AGENDA ITEM 2(b)

Objective Equity Indicators Committee

Ty Sturdivant gave an update on the Objective Equity Indicators committee. The committee met on May 21, 2009 and conducted a thorough review and analysis of the data collected for the Equity Score Card. Ty stated the committee discussed how to make the charts more manageable. The charts were reviewed and decisions were made on the organization of the document. August is targeted as the timeline. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 2(c)

Positive District Actions/Community Committee

No report given. Lisa Berman stated the committee did not meet; however, the next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

Stu Silberman informed Council that the District has hired a new staff recruiter and her name is Alexis Witherspoon.

AGENDA ITEM 2(d)

Resources & Facilities Committee

No Charge. Stu Silberman informed Council that the District sold 41 million dollars worth of bonds through the stimulus package for five projects that are moving forward. The District was able to incur an interest rate of 3.38% and is looking at refunding other bonds that will save us \$650,000.

David Cozart asked Stu Silberman what is currently being done to address the inclusionary measures the District uses concerning construction contracts regarding minorities and women owned businesses. Stu informed the Council that the District uses the KDE guidelines on bidding. The District will take the lowest bid on projects. Stu will research this matter and will give an update at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2(e)

Ad-hoc Committee (Suspension)

Jack Burch reported that the committee met and reviewed the High School suspension data but has not reviewed the Middle School data. A report is forthcoming when the committee decides what data to include in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 2(f)

Ad-hoc Committee (By Laws - Review)

This charge has been completed.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (g)

Ad-hoc Committee (Community Engagement)

Susie Cavanaugh reported that the committee met and discussed what action steps the Equity Council can take to engage community support to close the achievement gap. The committee reviewed and synthesized the top four suggestions and developed an action plan for the Council to discuss and implement. After discussion, Stu Silberman thanked the committee for their hard work in preparing this report. Vince Mattox will give an update of the CRTL trainings at the July Equity Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (h)

Equity Council Members on District Committees Updates

Lisa gave a report on the new alternative school – The Learning Center at Linlee. She stated that Mr. Ron Chi has been selected as the new Director for the Center. Applications for the Center are due by June 12, 2009. Fifty applications will be accepted. Jack Burch requested an update on the Center be brought to Council in November.

Stu Silberman informed Council about the Opportunity Middle/College program. In August 2009, Fayette County Public schools in partnership with Bluegrass Community Technical College will open Opportunity Middle College (OMC). OMC students will attend both college and high school courses on the BCTC Leestown campus. Barbara Connor will bring additional information concerning the OMC to the July Equity Council meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

JoJuana Leavell-Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Lisa Berman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.